Claims

What is claimed is:

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1. A system for associative processing comprising:

an icon generator;

an associative memory controller connected to the icon generator;

an associative processing unit connected to the associative memory controller; and

a memory connected to the associative memory controller.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the icon generator is connected to a key data input.

- 3. The system of claim 2, wherein the icon generator converts a key into an icon that includes of an address and a confirmer.
- 4. The system of claim 3, wherein the icon generator uses a polynomial code to convert the key into the icon.
- 5. The system of claim 1, wherein the icon generator can create an icon having a plurality of lengths.

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- 6. The system of claim 1, wherein the associative processing unit is capable of an icon algebra.
- 7. The system of claim 6, wherein the associative processing unit is capable of creating a first-second transform from a first transform and a second transform.
 - 8. The system of claim 1, further including a plurality of icon generators connected to the associative memory controller.
 - 9. The system of claim 1, further including a plurality of associative processing unit connected to the associative memory controller.
 - 10. A system for associative processing comprising:
- a transform generator having an input connected to a key data; an associative memory controller receiving an icon from the transform generator; and
 - a memory connected to the associative memory controller.
 - 11. The system of claim 10, wherein the icon is a hash.

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- 12. The system of claim 10, wherein the transform generator includes a linear feedback shift register.
- 13. The system of claim 10, wherein the transform generator includes an icon lookup table.
- 14. The system of claim 10, wherein the associative memory controller compares a pair of confirmers to determine if a match has been found.
- 15. The system of claim 10, further including an associative processing unit connected to the transform generator and the associative memory controller.
- 16. The system of claim 15, wherein the associative processing unit combines a pair of transforms to form a new transform.
- 17. The system of claim 15, wherein the associative processing unit removes a first transform from a second transform to form a new transform.